

Friday, September 20, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Filed Conference Report on H.R. 3666, VA/HUD Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11061–S11124

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2097–2103, and S.J. Res. 62. **Page S11090**

Measures Passed:

Health Centers Consolidation Act: Senate passed S. 1044, to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to consolidate and reauthorize provisions relating to health centers, after agreeing to committee amendments and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11110–21**

Lott (for Kassebaum) Amendment No. 5397, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11114–16**

Federal Law Enforcement Survivor Assistance: Senate passed S. 2101, to provide educational assistance to the dependents of Federal law enforcement officials who are killed or disabled in the performance of their duties. **Pages S11122–23**

Maritime Security Act: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1350, to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, to revitalize the United States-flag merchant marine, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11061–64, S11069–81**

Pending:

Grassley Amendment No. 5393, to clarify the term fair and reasonable compensation with respect to the transportation of a motor vehicle by a certain vessel. **Pages S11072–81**

Grassley Amendment No. 5394, to prohibit the use of funds received as a payment or subsidy for lobbying or public education, and for making political contributions for the purpose of influencing an election. **Pages S11072–81**

Grassley Amendment No. 5395, to provide that United States-flag vessels be called up before foreign flag vessels during any national emergency and to prohibit the delivery of military supplies to a com-

bat zone by vessels that are not United States-flag vessels. **Pages S11073–81**

Inouye (for Harkin) Amendment No. 5396 (to Amendment No. 5393), to provide for payment by the Secretary of Transportation of certain ocean freight charges for Federal food or export assistance. **Pages S11074–81**

Rejected:

Grassley Amendment No. 5391, to provide for a uniform system of incentive pay for certain hazardous duties performed by merchant seamen. (By 77 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 296), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S11061–64**

A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 4:30 p.m., with votes to occur on the proposed amendments and final disposition of the bill beginning at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, September 24, 1996. **Page S11124**

Parole Commission Extension: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1507, to provide for the extension of the Parole Commission to oversee cases of prisoners sentenced under prior law, and to reduce the size of the Parole Commission, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11123–24**

International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995 (Treaty Doc. No. 104–27). **Page S11124**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report concerning the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–171). **Pages S11088–89**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard J. Tarplin, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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Messages From the President: Pages S11088–89

Messages From the House: Page S11089

Measures Placed on Calendar: Page S11124

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Statements on Introduced Bills: Pages S11090–94

Additional Cosponsors: Page S11094

Amendments Submitted: Pages S11094–S11101

Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—296)

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Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 4:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, September 24, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11124.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 4128–4130 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1031, a private bill, amended (H. Rept. 104–810);

H.R. 1087, a private bill, amended (H. Rept. 104–811);

Conference report on H.R. 3666, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–812);

H.R. 4025, a private bill (H. Rept. 104–813);

H.R. 4083, to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through September 30, 1997, (H. Rept. 104–814); and

H.R. 3217, to provide for ballast water management to prevent the introduction and spread of non-indigenous species into the waters of the United States, amended (H. Rept. 104–815 Part I).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Miller of Florida to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H10757.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Committee Meetings

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on Drug Free Workplace: White House Standards. Testimony was heard from Franklin S. Reeder, Director, Administration, The White House; Peter Nelson, Deputy Director, Personnel Security, Department of Defense; Jane Vezeris, Deputy Assistant Director, Administration, U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; and Thomas J. Coyle, Assistant Director, Personnel Division, FBI, Department of Justice.

IN THE MATTER OF REPRESENTATIVE NEWT GINGRICH

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: On September 19, the Committee met in executive session to consider a complaint filed against Representative Gingrich by Representative Miller of California. The Committee dismissed the complaint and sent a letter to Representative Gingrich.

The Committee also voted to authorize the Chairman to make a statement on its behalf that the Committee intends to proceed in accordance with its rules and respect the responsibility of the Investigation Subcommittee to complete its work and report to the Committee, at which time the report will be made public in accordance with House rules.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 23 through 28, 1996

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will not be in session.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1350, Maritime Security Act with votes to occur thereon. Senate may also begin consideration of a continuing resolution for the fiscal year 1997.

During the week, Senate expects to consider the following:

Veto Message on the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, any cleared executive and legislative business, and conference reports, when available.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, September 24, 1996, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Monday, No Legislative Business.

Tuesday, Consideration of 2 bills from the Corrections Calendar:

1. H.R. 3153, Small Business Transport Correction Advancement Act; and

2. H.R. 2988, Traffic Signal Synchronization;

Consideration of measures under suspension of the rules (list to be announced later);

Consideration of H. Res. 525, Providing for Expedited Procedures; and

Consideration of H.R. 3666, VA/HUD Appropriations Act Conference Report.

Wednesday, and the Balance of the Week, Consideration of H.R. 3540, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act for FY 97 Conference Report (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 3259, Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 97 Conference Report (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 2202, Immigration in the National Interest Act Conference Report (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 3005, Securities Amendments of 1996 Conference Report (subject to a rule); and

Consideration of H.R. _____, FY 97 Omnibus Appropriations (subject to a rule).

Conference reports may be brought to the floor at any time.

Any further program will be announced later.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: September 26, to hold joint hearings with the Special Committee on Aging on increasing funding for biomedical research, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 25, HUD Oversight and Structure, to hold hearings to examine the release of the Fourth Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee annual report, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 24, Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism, to hold hearings on S. 1860, to provide for legal reform and consumer compensation relating to motor vehicle tort systems, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

September 25, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on issues relating to the study of Mars, 9:30 a.m., SR-236.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings on aviation safety issues, focusing on treatment of families after airline accidents, 10 a.m., SR-253.

September 26, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine the status of air service to small communities, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 25, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 987, to provide for the full settlement of all claims of Swain County, North Carolina, against the United States under the agreement dated July 30, 1943, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

September 26, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the National Environmental Policy Act decisionmaking process with regard to Federal Land Management Agencies and the role of the Council on Environmental Quality, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: September 25, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 3815, to make technical corrections and miscellaneous amendments to trade laws, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 24, to hold hearings to examine the need for ballistic missile defense, 10 a.m., SD-419.

September 25, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-419.

September 25, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine prospects for peace, security, and economic development in Lebanon, 2 p.m., SD-419.

September 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to review the interpretation of the ABM Treaty and U.S. ballistic missile defense, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: September 25, Subcommittee on Financial Management and Accountability, to hold oversight hearings on the regulatory review activities of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to review the annual report of the Postmaster General, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 25, to resume hearings to examine White House access to FBI background summaries, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the role of the Department of Justice in implementing the Prison Litigation Reform Act, 2 p.m., SD-226.

September 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to review the annual refugee consultation process, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: September 25, to hold joint hearings with the Select Committee on Intelligence on the Department of Defense and Intelligence reports of U.S. military personnel exposures to chemical agents during the Persian Gulf War, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Indian Affairs: September 24, to hold hearings to examine civil jurisdiction in Indian country, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the phaseout of the Navajo/Hopi relocation program, 1:30 p.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 25, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Veterans Affairs on the Department of Defense and Intelligence reports of U.S. military personnel exposures to chemical agents during the Persian Gulf War, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

Special Committee on Aging: September 24, to hold hearings to examine Social Security reform proposals, 9 a.m., SD-628.

September 26, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Appropriations on increasing funding for biomedical research, 9 a.m., SH-216.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, September 24, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review the Hatch Act and related law violations, 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

September 25, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing on dairy, poultry, and egg trade with Canada and the impact of the impending NAFTA panel decision, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Commerce, September 25, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the status of the International Global Climate Change Negotiations, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, oversight hearing on restructuring of international satellite organizations, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on consumer access to home testing services and devices, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, oversight hearing on the implementation of the Universal Service Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, September 26, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the financial status of the Corporation for National Service 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, September 24, to consider pending business, 6 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on Citizenship USA, 1 p.m., 311 Cannon.

September 25, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology and the Committee

on House Oversight, joint oversight hearing on the Smithsonian Institution, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

September 26, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on Politicization of the Federal Workforce, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

September 26, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice and the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families of the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, joint hearing on the epidemic of teenage drug use, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on the Postal Service, to continue hearings on H.R. 3717, Postal Reform Act of 1996, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, September 24, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on United Nations: the Office of Secretary General and the Prospects for Reform, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 25, full committee, hearing on U.S. policy in the Persian Gulf, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to mark up H. Con. Res. 213, concerning the urgent need to improve the living standards of those South Asians living in the Ganges and the Brahmaputra river basin; to be followed by a joint hearing with the Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs of the Committee on Resources on U.S. Interests in the South Pacific: Freely Associated States and Okinawa, 2:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on the Issue of Quebec Sovereignty and its Potential Impact on the United States, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 26, full committee, to continue hearings on Administration Actions and Political Murders in Haiti: Part II, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on the Administration's performance in Africa, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 27, full committee, hearing on U.S. Enterprise Funds in Eastern Europe and the States of the Former Soviet Union, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 25, hearing on H.R. 3011, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, September 24, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the National Guard Youth Challenge Program, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

September 25, full committee, to continue hearings on current and future U.S. policy for Bosnia, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

September 25, to meet to honor retiring members, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

September 26, hearing on U.S. policy towards Iraq, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

September 27, Subcommittee on Military Procurement and Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearing on Ballistic Missile Defense plans, programs, and policies, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, September 25, to consider pending business, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 25, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing to investigate the progress of a 1995 REGO II proposal to allow states to perform BLM's inspection and enforcement programs on federal lands, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 26, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans, oversight hearing on oceanographic research, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 26, Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources, hearing on H.R. 3777, Oroville-Tonasket Claim Settlement and Conveyance Act, 3 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 26, Task Force on Indian Trust Fund Management, oversight hearing on the mismanagement of Indian Trust Fund accounts by the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, September 24, to consider the Conference Report on H.R. 3666, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agen-

cies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, September 25, hearing on OSHA Reform and Relief for Small Business: What Needs to be Done? 10 a.m., 2539 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Government Programs, hearing on FDIC's handling of small business asset foreclosures in Massachusetts as a result of the failure of ComFed Savings Bank in Lowell, MA, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 24, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to mark up the following: Court Construction Prospectuses, Non-Court Construction Prospectuses, Lease Prospectuses, and other pending matters, 4 p.m., 2253 Rayburn.

September 26, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, to continue hearings on ISTEA Reauthorization: The Efficient Delivery of Transportation Improvements and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, September 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the recognition of one Senator for a speech and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate may begin consideration of a continuing resolution for the fiscal year 1997.

At 4:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1350, Maritime Security Act.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: No legislative business scheduled.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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